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SUBJECT: SOVIET VISIT INVITATION TO DR. ALAN M. LOVELACE,
NASA DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR

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FOR SCICOUN

1. NASA APPRECIATES EMBASSY'S EFFORTS CLARIFY ORAL VISIT
INVITATION PROFFERED BY PROFESSOR LUTSAU ON BEHALF OF STATE
COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SCST).

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2. FOR EMBASSY'S INFORMATION, DR. LOVELACE WAS SOUGHT OUT
BY ACADEMICIAN NIKOLAY S. YENIKOLOPOV, INSTITUTE OF CHEMICAL
PHYSICS, AT A TORONTO COMPOSITE MATERIALS CONFERENCE ON
APRIL 17 AND INVITED TO BE AN HONORED GUEST OF THE ACADEMY
OF SCIENCES OF THE USSR AT A TIME OF HIS CHOOSING. A
FORMAL INVITATION IS TO FOLLOW. YENIKOLOPOV MENTIONED
LUTSAU'S INVITATION, BUT STRESSED THE DESIRABILITY OF

DR. LOVELACE VISITING THE SOVIET UNION AT A TIME OTHER THAN THE TASHKENT SYMPOSIUM, SINCE KEY PEOPLE WOULD BE AT THE SYMPOSIUM AND COULD NOT GREET HIM AT THEIR INSTITUTIONS. THE URGENCY WITH WHICH YENIKOLOPOV SOUGHT OUT DR. LOVELACE IN TORONTO AND THE TONE OF HIS COMMENTS COULD BE INTERPRETED

IN TERMS OF SOME COMPETITION BETWEEN SCST AND THE ACADEMY TO HOST DR. LOVELACE'S VISIT.

3. IN ANY FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH SOVIETS ON ABOVE INVITATIONS, REQUEST EMBASSY TO CONTINUE TO AVOID PREJUDGING WHETHER INVITATION FROM EITHER SCST OR ACADEMY WILL BE ACCEPTED.

4. FYI. LUTSAU, AS TRANSLITERATED ON HIS BUSINESS CARD, DOES APPEAR TO BE THE SAME PERSON LISTED IN EMBASSY RECORDS. END FYI.

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